

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:166
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SHORTAGE OF SEEDS
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the massive shortage of seeds in the country as reported in the Pioneer dated June 20, 2003;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have evaluated the seeds position in the Government stock and seeds saved by the farmers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to overcome the shortage?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The overall availability of certified/quality seeds for Kharif-2003 has been assessed as 60.69 lakh quintals against the requirement of 44.52 lakh quintals.

(d): The details of crop-wise requirement and availability of certified/quality seeds for Kharif-2003 is enclosed.

(e): The shortfall in groundnut seeds has been made up through summer production programmes in Gujarat and Karnataka. States facing shortage of Arhar seeds have been advised to procure the same from States/State Seed Corporations having surplus seeds. State Government have been advised to undertake seed production in assured irrigation conditions to meet their seed requirements in full.

Annexure-I

The details of crop-wise requirement and availability of certified/quality seed for Kharif-2003

Quantity in Quintals

S. No. Crop Requirement Availability Shortage/Excess

1. Paddy 8,72,089 23,56,483 + 4,84,394

2. Jowar 1,79,465 2,60,657 + 81,192

3. Bajra 1,77,518 2,49,005 + 71,487

4. Maize 2,41,555 8,74,406 + 6,32,851

5. Ragi 22,700 25,485 + 2,785

6. Arhar 79,684 77,842 - 1,842

7 Moong 72,119 78,193 + 6,074

8. Blackgram (Urd) 96,959 1,32,418 + 35,459

9 Groundnut 6,76,420 6,24,911 - 51,509

10. Castor 41,000 42,802 + 1,802

11. Sesamum (Til) 9,288 13,076 + 3,788

12. Sunflower 28,366 38,416 + 10,050
13. Soyabean 6,74,816 9,50,651 + 2,75,835
14. Cotton 2,36,769 3,02,618 + 65,849
15. Jute 21,543 21,543
16. Mesta 185 185

For Groundnut seed shortage in Gujarat and Karnataka the State Government had informed that they have planned to procure Groundnut Seed from summer production programme and meet the demand.